

M I N U T E S
LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL

May 29, 1986

PRELIMINARY BUSINESS

The meeting of the Legislative Council was called to order by the Chairperson, Senator Bill Hutchins, at 11:45 a.m. on May 29, 1986, in Room 22 of the State Capitol Building, Des Moines, Iowa. Members present in addition to Chairperson Hutchins were:

Speaker Donald D. Avenson, Vice Chairperson
Senator C. Joseph Coleman
Senator Donald V. Doyle
Senator Beverly Hannon
Senator Lee Holt
Senator Calvin O. Hultman
Senator James D. Wells
Senator Joe Welsh
Representative Bob Arnould
Representative Dorothy Carpenter
Representative Dale Cochran
Representative John H. Connors
Representative William Harbor
Representative Thomas J. Jochum
Representative Delwyn Stromer

Also present were:

Mr. Donovan Peeters, Director, Legislative Service Bureau
Mr. Dennis Prouty, Director, Legislative Fiscal Bureau
Mr. Sandy Scharf, Director, Computer Support Bureau
Mr. Bill Angrick, Citizens' Aide/Ombudsman

Also present were other legislative staff persons, representatives of the news media, and other interested persons.

Chairperson Hutchins noted that the roll had been taken and that there was a quorum present. Chairperson Hutchins asked for any corrections to the minutes of the February 12, 1986 meeting of the Legislative Council. There being none, it was moved, seconded, and adopted by a voice vote that the minutes be approved as distributed.

EDUCATIONAL LEAVE

The report on educational leave was distributed. Senator Hultman commented that the amount of leave reported looked quite high and inquired as to the past action of the Legislative Council

in attempting to restrain such leave. Mr. Peeters replied that the Legislative Council had sent a letter during the 1985 interim to all state agencies urging restraint in the use of educational leave. Representative Harbor also had some questions concerning the report. After further comment, it was moved, seconded, and adopted that the report be received and filed. Representative Harbor requested that he be recorded as voting nay.

RULES OF THE IOWA SUPREME COURT

A number of court rules regarding civil, criminal, and appellate procedures were distributed for Legislative Council review pursuant to section 602.4202 of the Code. Senator Doyle moved that they be accepted and the motion was adopted. A listing of the rules is attached and, by reference, made a part of these minutes.

RECEIPT OF COMMUNICATIONS

Director Sandy Scharf of the Legislative Computer Support Bureau distributed and explained a memorandum concerning potential damage to the legislative computer. The letter was received, filed, and referred to the Administration Committee.

An executive summary of a report on the "Implementation of the Bill of Rights for Persons with Mental Retardation, Developmental Disabilities, or Chronic Mental Illness: Assessment of Impact" was distributed. It was submitted by Commissioner Reagen of the Iowa Department of Human Services pursuant to S.F. 473 of 1985. A motion was made and adopted to receive it.

A letter from an employee of the Civil Rights Commission was distributed. It was referred to the Fiscal Committee.

A letter from Citizens' Aide/Ombudsman Bill Angrick was distributed. It was referred to the Service Committee.

An announcement was distributed concerning recreation-tourism-travel brochures of Iowa and other states on display in Room 24.

REPORT OF THE COMPUTER OUTREACH COMMITTEE

The Report of the Computer Outreach Committee was deferred.

REPORT OF THE SERVICE COMMITTEE

Chairman Connors presented the report of the Service Committee. The report was adopted. A copy of the report is attached and, by reference, made a part of these minutes. In addition to business items concerning the central staff agencies, the report noted that

the report on the legislative branch comparable worth study had been received from consultant Arthur Young. Copies of the consultant's report were distributed to the members of the Legislative Council.

REPORT OF THE STUDIES COMMITTEE

Speaker Avenson, as Chair of the Studies Committee, presented the Committee report. The report was adopted. A copy of the report is attached and, by reference, made a part of these minutes.

It was noted that the members of the State Government Reorganization Oversight Committee had been appointed in the report. Appointments to the other committees being established (and they are listed in the report) would be made at the next meeting. Representative Stromer noted that the Liability and Liability Insurance Commission is to meet within 60 days of its formation. Senator Welsh indicated that he was interested in having the Fiscal Committee meet monthly in order to study fund transfers being made by the Comptroller due to government reorganization. It was indicated that Senator Welsh has the authority to call such meetings.

It was noted that the statute for budgeting the Alternative Crops and Livestock Committee from lottery funds had been repealed. It was moved and adopted that the Committee be funded in the normal manner.

NEXT MEETING AND ADJOURNMENT

It was announced that the next meeting of the Legislative Council would be on Wednesday, June 18, 1986.

There being no further business, the Legislative Council adjourned at 12:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

DONOVAN PEETERS
Secretary to the Legislative Council